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November 12, 2019

Sam Zimbabwe, Director
Seattle Department of Transportation
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Dear Director Zimbabwe,

Thank you for your letter of November 8, 2019, regarding the likely passage of Initiative 976 (I-976). Your letter requests that the Department of Licensing continue collecting the City of Seattle's Transportation Benefit District Vehicle Licensing Fee even after I-976 takes effect because the City of Seattle plans to file a lawsuit.

The Department is legally obligated to collect vehicle fees according to applicable laws, including those amended by I-976. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by a court, the Department will comply with I-976 and stop collecting the City of Seattle's Transportation Benefit District Vehicle Licensing Fee as of the effective date of the Initiative.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached at tberntsen@dol.wa.gov or 360-902-3603.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Berntsen".

Teresa Berntsen
Director